GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES TO SHORT HAUL ROUTES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide air services for major tourist spots and main cities/towns distancing of 200-300 km. under the air services on short haul routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the routes identified thereof;

(c) whether any incentive package will be given to private airlines for introducing its services on these short haul routes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (d):- Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.